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Dear FIELD(title) FIELD(Last):

As part of our continuing efforts to consult on a government-to-government basis with your Tribe, we have enclosed a copy of the Executive Summary for the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Programmatic EIS/EIR) for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and a copy of the Phase II Report, a concise explanation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, its purpose, and the process by which we propose to implement the Program. The Phase II Report is an appendix to the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR. Also included, in compact disk format, is a copy of the full Final Programmatic EIS/EIR.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort by eighteen state and federal agencies with regulatory and management responsibilities in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta ecosystem. The purpose of the Program is to develop a long-term plan to restore ecosystem health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The objective of this collaborative planning process is to identify comprehensive solutions to the problems of ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality, and Delta levee and channel integrity.

This final report identifies a Preferred Program Alternative to achieve these objectives, and evaluates the environmental impacts of proceeding with this plan. It also analyzes the environmental impacts of each of three alternatives, and compares the Preferred Program Alternative to the other alternatives. Each of the alternatives includes the core programs which address issues of ecosystem restoration, water use efficiency, water quality, Delta levee and channel integrity, water transfers, and watersheds, as well as a range of storage and conveyance options.

## **CALFED Agencies**

Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
The Reclamation Board
California Linvironmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture
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## Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Geological Survey Bureau of Land Management U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration